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Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 127 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/59/771.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 50th and 57th meetings, on 9 May and 8 June 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.50 and 57).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005 (A/59/779);

(b) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/736 and Add.16).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.54

4. At its 57th meeting, on 8 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/C.5/59/L.54), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.54 without a vote (see para. 6).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding, respectively, the deployment to the Congo region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1592 (2005) of 30 March 2005,

Recalling also its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000 on the financing of the Mission, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 59/285 of 13 April 2005,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of the Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of resolution 59/__, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 15 April 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 52.7 million United States dollars, representing some 2 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only fifty-two Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/59/779.

[2] A/59/736 and Add.16.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolution 59/___;

11. *Emphasizes* that the Special Representative of the Secretary-General should be responsible for the implementation of the policies of the Organization regarding personnel conduct, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the Special Representative remains fully engaged in all such matters;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005

14. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding 383,187,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2005;

[3] A/59/736/Add.16.

Financing of the commitment authority

15. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 265,322,580 dollars for the period from 1 July to 1 October 2005, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

16. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,235,325 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 1 October 2005;

17. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 84,677,420 dollars for the period from 2 to 31 October 2005, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 15 above, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

18. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 17 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 1,351,700 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 2 to 31 October 2005;

Estimates for the support account for peacekeeping operations and the United Nations Logistics Base for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006

19. *Decides also* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of 20,220,700 dollars for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006, comprising 16,534,400 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,686,300 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

20. *Decides further* to apportion among Member States the amount of 20,220,700 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 58/256, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2005 and 2006, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B;

21. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 20 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,635,300 dollars, comprising the prorated share of 2,337,100 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 298,200 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

22. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the

United Nations participating in the Mission, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

24. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

25. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".